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MR. T. J. LASSITER DEAD

Stricken With Paralysis While Reporting the Democratic County Convention

It is with sorrow inexpressible, that the Herald announces the death of its Editor, Mr. T. J. Lassiter, which occurred at his home about six o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Lassiter was taking notes of the Democratic County Convention on the Court House square early in the afternoon, and was suddenly stricken with what was supposed to be a fainting spell. He was taken from the crowd around the stand, and laid on the ground under the trees in front of the Court House. Soon after he was removed to Dr. Wharton's office, where an examination revealed the fact that he had sustained a rupture of one of the large blood vessels in the brain, and was paralyzed on the right side. As soon as possible he was carried to his home where every effort of medical science was put forth to relieve his suffering and prolong his life. But all was of no avail. His work in this world was ended and just as the evening shadows were falling, his spirit passed into "that other room."

Mr. Lassiter had been in failing health for six months but such was his patience and his uncomplaining fortitude, that even those closely connected with him in this office, rarely heard him allude to his condition. His kindness and gentleness never failed.

Mr. Lassiter was about fifty years of age and had lived in Smithfield more than a quarter of a century, during all of which time he had been actively connected with the Herald.

He was by nature a scholar, loving literature with an eager and dominating affection, and possessed the modesty, broad sympathy and compassionate consideration of others, which go with the best scholastic type.

He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, a member of the school board and was identified with every movement for the true progress and uplift of the town. He leaves a wife and two little sons, who have the sympathy of the entire community in their sudden bereavement.

The funeral will be conducted today at 4 o'clock and the burial will take place at the old cemetery.

Teach the Boy to Do Things Well.

I know a farmer father who makes an especial effort to see that everything his son does is done well. When plowing, a straight furrow is insisted on; if a job is difficult, all the more reason why a thorough finish of it is expected. It is expected of this boy, and he knows full well it is expected of him, that every horse's harness be properly adjusted, that the ends of rows be plowed closely up to the fence, and that every stump be carefully hoed around.

Not only is this youngster taught thoroughness, but dogged persistence, as well, and as an illustration of how he is acquiring this trait, a recent experience will serve. Some hogs had got in the field by accident one morning and he with his dog was given the job of getting them out. The hogs proved pig-headed, as they very often do, and it took the boy from early morning until three o'clock in the afternoon to get them out; but he stayed with them, doing without his dinner until the job was done.

Anything worth doing is worth doing right and I hope every Progressive Farmer dad is teaching his boys thoroughness, accuracy, and dogged persistence. These qualities, along with honesty and common sense make successful men,—wherever they are and whatever they be.—The Progressive Farmer.

BIG COUNTY CONVENTION

Cameron Morrison Speaks—Strong County Ticked Is Nominated.

Thursday, September 9th, was a great day in the history of Smithfield—approximately 2,500 people gathered on the Court House square to hear the Hon. Cameron Morrison, candidate for Governor, who spoke at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Morrison was introduced by the Hon. Edward W. Pou in a ringing little Democratic speech, which was received with enthusiasm. Mr. Morrison spoke of the good results which will come from the Revaluation Act, one of which is that the state will levy no taxes upon real property. With the exception of one occasion many years ago, there has always been a tax levied upon real estate, but the Revaluation Act will make this unnecessary hereafter. He also showed that when the Revaluation Act was passed there was no dissenting vote cast against it by either Republican or Democrat. That in the Republican counties there were two Republican members of the Board of Assessors, and one Democratic member, while in the Democratic counties there were two Democratic members and one Republican. Thus the Revaluation Act was a purely non-partisan measure. He stated that Mr. J. J. Parker is now opposing the Revaluation Act solely because Mary Ann Butler told him to do so. Mr. Morrison attributed the low price of tobacco and the declining prices of cotton to the fact that a majority of the capitalists who control these commodities are Republicans and have contributed large sums of the fifteen million dollar Republican slush fund. He said that the men at the head of the largest tobacco works in the United States were all Republicans so far as he had been able to ascertain.

He said that another reason for the low price of our farm products is that the doors of commerce of the world have never been reopened to the United States since the armistice was signed, because the Republican Senate has refused to ratify the Treaty and the League of Nations. Before closing Mr. Morrison stated that he had been originally opposed to Woman Suffrage, but since the 36th state had ratified, he believed in being a man and abiding by the laws of the land passed by the majority. He pleaded with the Democrats to come and bring their wives, mothers and sweethearts to the polls in November. He said he knew it was not necessary for him to welcome the white women of North Carolina into the Democratic party for the reason that the white women of this state had always been the soul of the Democratic party, that they would vote the Democratic ticket realizing that to do otherwise would be the basest ingratitude.

The speech was received with such enthusiasm that no doubt was left in the mind of anyone that Johnston will roll up a big majority for Governor Cameron Morrison on the 2nd of November.

Senator W. B. Cooper of Wilmington accompanied Mr. Morrison to Smithfield, and remained during the speech. Senator Cooper made many friends during a short visit here a few weeks ago.

The convention was called to order at 12:30 by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. George Ross Pou. Mr. Pou requested Col. Ed. S. Abell to act as chairman of the convention and Mr. W. D. Avera as secretary. The following ticket was nominated:

Two members of House of Representatives: J. W. Barnes, of Wilders township, and Paul D. Grady, of Kennington.

Sheriff: W. J. Massey, of Princeton.

Register of Deeds: W. T. Adams, of Smithfield.

Auditor: J. A. Keen, of Four Oaks.

Surveyor: Romulus Lambert.

Coroner: J. H. Kirkman, of Smithfield.

County Commissioners: Horace M. Barber, Cleveland township; J. Willis Creech, Banner; W. H. Upchurch, Bentonville; P. B. Chamblee, Oneals; D. B. Oliver, Pine Level.

Solicitor of Recorder's Court: Frank Ray, of Selma.

Judge of Recorder's Court: F. H. Brooks, of Smithfield.

Recommendation member Board of Education: W. C. Thomas, of Clayton.

INTEREST TO THE FARMERS

Tobacco Farmers are Urged to Attend Meeting for Free and Open Discussion.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Herald you will see the announcement of a meeting of the farmers of Johnston County which is of unusual importance. Let me urge upon every farmer in Johnston county whether tobacco farmer or not to be present at the hour for this meeting, prepared to participate in a free and open discussion of the conditions with which we are confronted in our efforts to market our present crops of tobacco and cotton. It is needless to say that the long hours, great sacrifice and no labor with which this crop has been produced that the farmer cannot afford to stand for anything less than a square deal in this instance. Few people realize the real cost in hard toil, high priced feeds, expensive stock, costly fertilizers and sky-scraping land rentals that have gone into this crop. Men, women and children who have produced the crops have in many instances been thoughtless of the existing high cost of everything that went into production, because in so many instances they have gone about it as a matter of duty and have performed the duties in a most zealous manner feeling that they would be given a square deal which they are due.

The farmer has been told from almost every source that one of the important ways to reduce the high cost of living would be to increase production and no class of people under the sun are more anxious for a condition under which people would be permitted to live and let live than the farmer. The farmer has done everything in his power to increase production, everything to his own hurt and now without any reduction in the high cost of living is asked to put his product on the market at a sacrifice.

It is not my policy, never has been and never will be to array class against class. Too much of this kind of work already has been done, but it is my purpose to do whatever I can to assist in bringing about a condition of fair play. Men, it is up to you in this crisis to say what you will do in this matter. The question is up to you. What will you do about it?

Come to the meeting yourself and invite every other farmer that you see to attend with you.

S. J. KIRBY,
County Agent.

Community Service Meetings.

Monday, Sept. 13, Mill Creek.
Tuesday, Sept. 14, Rehobeth.
Wednesday, Sept. 15, Wilson's Mills.
Thursday, Sept. 16, Corinth.
Friday, Sept. 17, Pleasant Grove.

These meetings will begin promptly at 8:00 o'clock. Programs changed for each schedule; be on hand to see what the Community Service is doing.—Lucy Lawley, Director.

B. Y. P. U. Organized Here.

Last Monday night a B. Y. P. U. was organized at the Baptist church. About twenty young people met at the church to start off this helpful and enjoyable organization. The Union is to meet every Monday night at 8 o'clock and everybody and especially the young men and women are given a cordial invitation to attend these meetings.

The following officers were elected:
President, Harry P. Johnson.
Vice-President, Herbert Brown.
Secretary, T. S. Ragsdale, Jr.
Corresponding secretary, Miss Helene Ives.

Treasurer, Miss Luna Pearson.
Pianist, Miss Ruth Brown.
Chorister, J. H. Wiggs.
Quiz-leader, Miss Ora Cansler.
Group Leaders: Minnie Guy, Luna Lassiter, Morris Biggs and R. S. Fleming.

Next Monday night, September 12, the meeting will be in charge of Miss Minnie Guy, with program as follows:

1. Subject: The Grace of Dependability.
2. Prayer.
3. Scripture reading, Nova Cooper.
4. Reading, Young People Admonished, Luna Lassiter.
5. Talk, Necessary in the Ministry, Paul Johnson.
6. Reading, Needed in Sunday School, Helene Ives.
7. Talk, Cultivate the Grace, Morris Biggs.
8. Solo, Mrs. H. P. Johnson.
9. Benediction

OPENING GRADED SCHOOL

First Session Wednesday Morning—Prayer by Rev. H. S. Hartzell—471 Enrolled.

The Turlington Graded School began its fall session Wednesday morning with an enrollment of 471 which is somewhat less than the number enrolled on the opening day one year ago. The falling off in the enrollment seems to be due to the prevalence of whooping cough and to the further fact that a number of people were unable to enter their children this week.

The most outstanding feature of the opening exercises was the fact that even though the enrollment is not as large as it was a year ago, yet there was quite a number who could not even get into the auditorium and those that were able to get in had the semblance of sardines in a box rather than that of school children. The occasion itself was the most eloquent argument that could be made for the needed new school building which the school board is planning to erect in the near future. When Mr. T. J. Lassiter, speaking on behalf of the school board, touched on this subject he was greeted with hearty and continuous applause. The exercises were opened by prayer by Rev. H. S. Hartzell. Mr. Rose, Superintendent of Public Welfare, spoke briefly on the value of prompt and regular attendance in school and how he expects to cooperate with the school authorities this year.

(We regret to have to omit the list of teachers. Circumstances over which we have no control compels us to leave this list over till Tuesday's issue.—Editor.)

Car Turned Over With Picnickers

The Baptist Sunday school at Kenly had its annual picnic at the Holt Lake yesterday. The people came on automobiles. One of the cars came back to Smithfield for a short time. Returning to the lake near the Heath place this car a Hudson Super Six driven by Mr. Dobbin Bailey was wrecked. The steering gear it is said gave away and the car going at a good speed left the road, struck a telephone pole and turned over. Mr. Bailey was thrown out of the car and his clothes were torn. Mr. L. A. Davis was hurt about his face and mouth. Mr. and Mrs. Etheridge were on the car. Mrs. Etheridge was severely hurt but her injuries are not considered serious. Miss Adna Lee Bailey and Miss May Wilkinson were in the car but they sustained minor injuries.

"A Womanless Wedding."

Benson, Sept. 8.—Under the auspices of the John Chas. McNeill Book Club, "A Womanless Wedding" was staged in the auditorium of the school building last night with wonderful success. Twenty-seven business men formed the cast, and with a tastefully decorated stage forming a background for their elaborate costumes, they made quite a charming tableau. No doubt Benson has never laughed as much over any one event before. The door receipts amounted to eighty-five dollars, the greater part of which will be used by the club in fitting up a rest room down street in the near future.

Bold Thieves.

The last Saturday night in August a man went into Mr. L. T. Royal's lot to his car under a shelter and stole an inner tube and a new tire from his automobile. He used a jack taken from the car and left it near where it was used. Last Sunday night before Mr. J. M. Beaty's automobile shed was locked for the night a thief entered his shed and stole two foot boards from a Ford touring car.

Last week about half a mile from Smithfield an automobile was robbed of a rear tire from a wheel and a rear wheel complete with tube and tire from the other side of the car. We have heard of several such things being stolen recently.

There must be some where near here a nest to which these things are carried. Somebody may be doing a piecing business handling the small pieces carried to him by these petty thieves.

Nine men are dead in a Baltimore hospital, and four others are ill from the effects of drinking wood-alcohol.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

Congressman E. W. Pou Addressed Members on "Citizenship"—Other Items

The first meeting of the Woman's Club since last spring was held Wednesday afternoon with good attendance.

Two resignations of office were handed in at the meeting Wednesday. Mrs. C. V. Johnson gave up her work as treasurer and Mrs. N. T. Holland, as chairman of the music department.

The Civics Department of the club has recently conducted a malarial campaign in the town.

The study for the Literature department of the club for this winter is "Our Heritage." It deals with early American history drawing on the literature of the time for a picture of the early life of our American people. The course last year was quite interesting and this program promises to be even more so. Mrs. Baucom, chairman of this department, will be glad to have your name enrolled for this course.

The books in the library have recently been recatalogued under the supervision of Mrs. H. B. Marrow. Any good book which you have enjoyed and would like to pass it on, will be appreciated by the librarian. The room is open each Thursday afternoon.

The time for the Home Economics demonstration has been changed from Wednesday afternoons to Thursday afternoons. Beginning with next Thursday this department will meet every two weeks at the office of Miss Mamie Sue Jones.

The club has signed up for a Lyceum course for this winter. The first attraction comes October 22. Buy a season ticket.

Five new members were added to the roll Wednesday—Mrs. F. M. Chapin, Mrs. H. E. Hartzell, Mrs. A. S. Johnston, Miss Gertrude Carraway and Miss Cora Belle Ives. A cordial invitation is given to all ladies in the town to join in the work of the club.

Quite the most interesting feature of the meeting Wednesday was the talk made by Congressman E. W. Pou on the election and organization of Congress and some of the powers and duties of that august body. He predicted that probably the next Congress after the one about to be elected this fall, would have 500 members in the House and that at least a score of these would be women. He expressed a hope that the women voters would line up with one of the two great political parties instead of creating a woman's party. His speech was altogether instructive and the club gave him a rising vote of thanks at its close. Some phase of "Citizenship" will be discussed at each monthly business meeting this year.

At the conclusion of the business session, Mrs. Patterson announced that the Hon. Edward W. Pou had accepted an invitation from the club to make a short address on the "Organization, Duties and Powers of Congress," this subject being part of a course of study of "Citizenship," which the club has pursued for several months.

Mr. Pou was introduced by Mrs. H. L. Skinner, in a few well chosen words.

The speaker expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him in being asked to address the Woman's Club, and congratulated the advocates of the cause of Woman Suffrage, that they had won their long fight, and were now the legal equals of men, in every respect.

He stated that he could foresee only one bad result which could possibly come from giving the ballot to women, and that he did not think this result was at all probable. He said he believed that the only way in which the good ends of the amendment might be thwarted, would be by the women forming a separate political organization, and declining to align themselves with any of the present political parties. After declaring that of course he would not offend the proprieties of the occasion by injecting any partizanship into his remarks, he said that he believed the women would use their good judgment and conscience to select one of the present political organizations, and would wield a great and good influence, by working in harmony with the men voters.

He then took up the subject of the meeting, and described in a clear and highly interesting manner, the organization and working machinery of

B. & K. MOTOR COMPANY

F. H. Brooks, J. Roy Keen and John A. Johnson Incorporated—New Garage.

The Herald heard that Judge Brooks had gone into the automobile business, and pursuant to our invariable policy of tracing every rumor to its source, and ascertaining the foundation of it, we sent one of our knights of the pen to investigate this report.

The reporter found the Judge trimming the hedge between his office and the Presbyterian church, but with his accustomed geniality, he stopped long enough to talk with The Herald's representative.

He said that Smithfield had become such a peaceful and law-abiding community, that even a man who was a judge as well as a practicing attorney, did not find all of his time occupied with wrong-doers. So he decided that he would fill in some of his spare moments, by looking after the wants of his friends in the automobile line.

A few months ago, a firm was incorporated, under the name of "The B. & K. Motor Co.," the members being F. H. Brooks, J. Roy Keen and John A. Johnson. The authorized capital was \$100,000, with \$10,000 paid in. The new firm occupies a handsome building which they have just completed, on Railroad street. The garage is 40x106 feet, with a filling station in front, equipped with two Brady system gas service stations, two Bowser oil service stations and two water stations. On the curb in front of the Garage, is a free air station and water station. The front of the building is of red pressed brick, and the top is of galvanized roofing.

The gas filling station meets a long felt want in the city, being a place where two machines can be served at one time. It is out of the sun-light, and is protected from the rain.

The company will sell Jones 6, Lexington 6 and Gardner Light and Pleasure cars, and Southern and Gar-trucks. It will also sell tires, tubes and automobile accessories.

All the gentlemen connected with this new enterprise, have the confidence and respect of their neighbors, and The Herald feels assured that this fact, as well as their never-failing kindness of manner, will insure to the firm a large measure of patronage.

What His Tobacco Brought Him.

Mr. S. R. Brady gave us the sales of some tobacco which was sold here Tuesday.

54 pounds at 13 cents	-----	\$ 7.02
90 pounds at 28 cents	-----	25.20
134 pounds at 20 cents	-----	26.80
144 pounds at 3 cents	-----	4.32
		\$63.32

This lot of tobacco brought him on an average of fifteen cents. It costs about three fourths as much to raise cotton as tobacco and this would mean selling cotton now at eleven cents per pound. Think of such prices under the heavy expenses of the present time. The grading alone cost three dollars per hundred.

More About Raiding Still.

Learning more about the raiding of the whiskey still near Fayetteville last Friday, we learned there were two men with Mr. Oobert L. Flowers and that a Mr. Pope, deputy sheriff in Cumberland, is the man who shot Mr. Joseph Hall. He was shot with buck shot, and remained in the woods suffering by himself three to four hours before he was taken to Fayetteville to the hospital. It is said Mr. Hall owned four or five hundred acres of land and ran a saw mill. He was a well to do man, but had a great love for liquor drinking and blockading.

Make Less Money but Use it Better.

Mr. R. C. Gillett, who returned last week from a trip to the northern part of New York state, says that the people there do not make money so fast as they do here but they take good care of it. The farmers there have good dwellings and good barns and other out houses. They live well and go in debt very little. They get their money from the sale of fruits and hay and live stock and such things. Money does not come to them quite so easily as to us and they do not waste it as we do.

Congress.

At the conclusion of Mr. Pou's remarks, the club tendered him a rising vote of thanks.